

GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY KICKS OFF CONSTRUCTION OF NEW MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING APARTMENT

BELCOURT, April 9, 2010 — There is good reason to celebrate in the Turtle Mountains today, as officials from USDA Rural Development, along with Tribal Chairman Richard Marcellais, Tribal council members, representatives from Senator Conrad's Office, employees of the Turtle Mountain Housing Authority, and others gather to celebrate the groundbreaking of a new 24 unit multi-family housing complex in Kent's Addition on the Turtle Mountain Indian Reservation.



Officials gather for ground breaking of the "New Generation" apartment complex in Belcourt. L-R: Terry Marion (Marion Construction), Mark Schaar (RD), Rollin Brossart (RD), Wayne Dietrich (EAPC Architects), Ron Peltier (TMHA), Jolene Kline (NDHFA), Vincent McCloud (TMBC Council), Chairman Richard Marcellais (TMBC Chairman), Ted Henry (TMBC Council).

The new apartment complex called "New Generation" will include 24 federally assisted low-income one-bedroom apartments with rental rates that will be based on 30 percent of the tenant's adjusted annual income.

"USDA Rural Development has been a great supporter in helping us fund some much needed housing initiatives, as well as other economic development projects," Chairman Richard Marcellais said. "We are grateful for State Director Jasper Schneider and USDA's continued support to partner with the Turtle Mountain Tribe to help meet our housing goals and objectives."

Funding for this project will come from a variety of sources including a \$1 million loan from the USDA Rural Development's Section 515 Multi-Family Loan Program, a grant for \$1,529,220 from Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) administered by the North Dakota Housing Finance Agency, and a contribution of \$1,284,570 from the Turtle Mountain Housing Authority, owner of the facility. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$3,813,790, with a completion date of early 2011.

Finding adequate housing can sometimes be a challenge in the Turtle Mountain area, as affordable and safe housing is in great demand. The Turtle Mountain Housing Authority, Pathways to Prosperity, and Tribal leaders recognized this need and put into motion a plan to improve the living conditions for many of those living on the reservation.

"There is a clear need for additional housing units in the Turtle Mountain area and partnering with the community to help

meet their housing needs is an important part of Rural Development's mission," USDA Rural Development State Director Jasper Schneider said. "We applaud the many who have worked so hard for this project to become a reality."



Rollin Brossart (left) presents symbolic check to Turtle Mountain Housing Authority. L-R: Terry Marion (Marion Construction), Rollin Brossart (RD), Norman McCloud (P2P), Cindy Malaterre (TMBC Council), Mark Schaar (RD), Vincent McCloud (TMBC Council), Becky Phelps (TMHA), Troy DeCoteau (TMBC Council), Ron Peltier (TMHA), Richard Marcellais (TMBC Chairman), Ted Henry (TMBC Council), Jim Baker (TMBC Council), Janice Azure (TMBC Council).

The apartment complex will be built using green technology. This includes a high energy efficient building design utilizing ground source pumps to heat and cool the facility. Energy star appliances will also be part of the development.

In Fiscal Year 2009, USDA Rural Development provided \$56.4 million in housing programs, \$79.7 million in business and community programs, and \$647.1 million in electric programs to North Dakota citizens.

Further information on rural programs is available at a local USDA Rural Development office or by visiting USDA Rural Development's web site at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov>.

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